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Note by the Secretariat

1. In its resolution 58/196, the General Assembly requested:

(a) The Special Rapporteurs of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and a member of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances of the Commission to carry out a mission of investigation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and to report to the Commission at its sixtieth session and to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session;

(b) The Secretary-General to give the Special Rapporteurs and the joint mission all necessary assistance to enable them to discharge their mandate fully;

(c) The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide the technical skills needed by the joint mission to discharge its mandate.

2. In its resolution 2004/84, approved by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 2004/225, the Commission on Human Rights decided to appoint an independent expert to provide assistance to the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in the field of human rights, to study the evolving situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of Congo and to verify that its obligations in this field are being fulfilled. The effect of this decision was to terminate the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. For this reason, the joint mission has not been able to proceed.

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